

ORDINARY MEETING.

FRIDAY, 12TH NOVEMBER, 1920.

G. K. GUDE, F.Z.S., President, in the Chair.

The following communications were read:—

1. "Note on *Sphaerium nitidum*, Cl., a Siberian freshwater mussel in Sweden." By Dr. Nils Hj. Odhner (communicated by B. B. Woodward, F.L.S., etc.).

2. "New Shells from Port Alfred (collected by Lieut.-Col. W. H. Turton)." By G. B. Sowerby.

3. "Oecological Notes." By Dr. A. E. Boycott, F.R.S.

4. "Quelques rectifications de nomenclature concernant les Mollusques de la Faune Paléarctique." By Paul Pallary.

Mr. E. R. Sykes exhibited Rackett's copy of Pulteney's Catalogue of the Shells of Dorsetshire, containing a specimen of Rackett's handwriting, and read the following note concerning it:—

Some little while ago¹ Mr. Reynell in discussing the origin of the plates for the above work stated that the Rev. R. T. Rackett's writing was apparently unknown.²

I have Rackett's own copy of the book, which is of some interest on account of the following note in his writing, opposite the title-page:—

"The first impression of Dr. Pulteney's Catalogues, printed in 1801, was never published, having been destroyed by the fire at Mr. Nichols' printing office. To this second impression I have been enabled to make considerable additions, by communications from Dr. Maton, the late Revd. E. Binfield, the Revd. J. Jones, the Revd. T. Trahearn, etc., and by my own observations. See pp. 14, 23, 62, 101.

June 1st, 1813.

Thos. Rackett."

Not only does this copy fix Rackett's writing, but it raises a bibliographical point of some nicety with regard to the dates to be quoted for the new names.

Col. Peile exhibited a live specimen of *Rachis burnayi*, Dohrn, from Ibadan, S. Nigeria, collected by Mr. A. W. J. Pomeroy.

On behalf of W. J. Wintle, F.Z.S., there was exhibited a series of Mollusca from the Isle of Caldey, South Wales. It included (1) Very large examples of *Patella vulgata*, one of which measures 66 × 57 mm., and is only surpassed by an example in the possession of Hugh Watson, from Fair I., Shetlands, which is 70 × 63.5 mm.

¹ Proc. Malac. Soc., xii, p. 43.

² Since Mr. Reynell's paper was read a note in Rackett's own handwriting was found in the Linnean Society's copy of the work in question. This note is practically identical with that in Mr. Syke's copy as far as "Trahearn", but dated "May 24, 1813". The date of the fire was 1808; 1801 was that of Pulteney's death.—[Ed. Malac. Soc.]

(2) Specimens of *Patella*, showing the intrusion in varying degree of sand grains between the mantle of the animal and its shell and their incorporation into the substance of the shell by subsequent deposition of nacre, as well as individuals both of *P. vulgata* and *athletica* that had been attacked by the boring Polychæte Worm, *Polydora ciliata*, with one showing a very large baroque pearl. (3) Suites of *Helix pisana*, *Helicella itala*, and *Hel. virgata*, including some of its varieties of banding, such as the rare var. *radiata* and var. *hypozona*, besides a large, high-spired form, which occurs on a wind-swept limestone cliff jutting out to sea, as well as *Hel. caperata* and its var. *ornata*, and *Cochlicella acuta*. All these Isle of Caldey helicoids are much darker than corresponding individuals of the same species on the mainland at Tenby, or in the British Isles generally. Possibly their dusky hue may indicate a tendency towards Melanism. (4) Examples of *Limnæa pereger*, var. *maritima*, the only form of the species found on the island.

ORDINARY MEETING.

FRIDAY, 10TH DECEMBER, 1920.

G. K. GUDE, F.Z.S., President, in the Chair.

The Cornell University Library and the Manchester Public Libraries were elected to membership of the Society.

The following communications were read:—

1. "Unpublished Plates of Thomas Martyn, Conchologist." By T. Iredale.

2. "*Krapfiella mirabilis*, Preston, and its affinities." By Hugh Watson.

3. "Note on some of F. E. Edward's specific names of Eocene Mollusca." By A. Wrigley (communicated by A. S. Kennard, F.G.S.).

Mr. B. B. Woodward exhibited sections of a "baroque" pearl in a *Patella* taken at Caldey Island by Mr. Wintle.

ORDINARY MEETING.

FRIDAY, 14TH JANUARY, 1921.

G. K. GUDE, F.Z.S., President, in the Chair.

Notice was given that a Special General Meeting would be convened on 11th February next to take into consideration and if thought advisable to pass alterations in Rules III and VIII.

Mr. Oldham and Col. Peile were appointed Auditors.

The following communications were read:—

1. "On a small collection of Land and Freshwater Mollusca from Manguli Island, Xulla Islands, with description of two new Helicoids." By Hugh C. Fulton.

2. "Notes on the distribution of British Land and Freshwater